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Sen. DeFronzo, Reps. Caruso and Alberts Announce "Restoring Trust in State Government" Hearing in Willimantic



Public Invited to Attend, Share Concerns, Hear Priorities

Hartford - State Senator Donald J. DeFronzo (D-New Britain), Senate Chair of the Legislature's Government

Administration and Elections Committee (GAE), **Representative Chris Caruso (D-Bridgeport)**, House Chair of GAE, and **Representative Mike Alberts (R-Woodstock)** announced today that the committee will hold an informational hearing on Wednesday, January 19, at 7 p.m., at Willimantic City Hall.

Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the committee will be on hand to present a package of bills to the public relating to ethics reform and integrity in the State of Connecticut. Bills presented will include proposals to reorganize the State Ethics Commission, campaign finance reforms, penalties for corrupt state officials, proposals to restructure the state contracting system and ethics training for all state employees.

Rep. Alberts said, "This is an opportunity for the people of northeastern Connecticut to be heard on important state issues. I hope this is the first of many legislative hearings to be held in our area throughout the year."

The public is invited to attend the informational hearing and learn more about the bill proposals in front of the GAE Committee during the 2005 legislative session. Input from the public, as well as ideas and suggestions for future legislation are also welcome. Other GAE informational hearings are scheduled during January in Guilford, Bridgeport, Torrington and New Britain.